



Permit Requirements

All hunters must possess a refuge permit. This brochure, when signed and in your possession, serves as a permit for all 2000-2001 hunts. State Management Area stamps *are not* required. Archery, muzzleloader, or turkey stamps *are required* for appropriate hunts. State and Federal waterfowl stamps are required to hunt waterfowl.

Fifty (50) antlerless deer tags will be issued by a random drawing. These tags can be used to legally take an antlerless deer during any deer gun hunt on Lower Suwannee Refuge. To apply, send your name, address, and birthdate on a postcard or 3 x 5 card to Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge, 16450 NW 31 Place, Chiefland, FL 32626. Applications will be accepted only during August and September. Only one application per hunter. People that apply more than once will be disqualified.

The following regulations supplement Florida state hunting regulations and the general regulations governing hunting on Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

General Hunting Regulations

All motorized land vehicles are restricted to designed roads shown on the map. Vehicles must be parked in a manner which does not block roads or gates. The use of ATV's (three-wheeler, four-wheeler, etc.) is prohibited, except for hunters possessing a refuge Mobility Impaired ATV Permit.

Camping, fires, littering, and horses are prohibited. Taking of frogs and turtles is prohibited.

Cutting trees, removing wood or other plant matter from the refuge is prohibited.

Possession of a **loaded** firearm while on a refuge road right-of-way designated for motorized vehicle travel or in any vehicle or boat is prohibited. Loaded is defined as shells in the chamber or magazine or percussion cap on a muzzleloader. Firearms are permitted only during refuge hunting season.

Hunting from refuge roads open to public vehicle travel is prohibited.

Hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been driven is prohibited. Temporary tree stands must be removed by the end of the General gun hunting season.

Construction of permanent blinds or stands is prohibited.

The placing of or hunting with the aid of bait is prohibited.

Use and/or possession of any drug, device or arrow for employing such drug for bowhunting is prohibited.

All hunters (including all persons accompanying hunters) must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orange visible above the waistline while hunting during all refuge deer gun hunts.

Hunters under the age of 16 must possess proof that they have passed a State-approved hunter education course. Hunters under the age of 16 must be supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older; and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. For small game and waterfowl hunts, the adult may supervise no more than two youths and for big game hunts—no more than one youth.

Except as otherwise specified, dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.

Dogs may only be used as an aid to taking raccoon during the raccoon night hunting season and for waterfowl season.

Target practice is prohibited.

The use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game is prohibited.

Hunters utilizing the refuge are subject to inspection of licenses, permits, hunting equipment, bag limits, vehicles and their contents, during compliance checks by refuge or state officers.

Possession or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while hunting.

Specific Hunt Regulations

State bag limits and firearms regulations apply unless otherwise listed. Coyote and beaver may be taken during archery, muzzleloader, general gun, and small game seasons.

Waterfowl

State waterfowl season; ducks and coots only. Decoys and boats must be removed daily. Hunters must use and be in possession of shells containing steel or bismuth shot only.

Archery

State season, September 23 -October 22; legal to take any deer (except spotted fawns), feral hogs (no size or bag limit), gray squirrel, rabbit, armadillo, opossum, raccoon.

Muzzleloader

October 28-November 5, muzzleloader firearms only; legal to take deer with one or more antlers at least five inches in length visible above the hairline, feral hogs (no bag or size limit). *See “Permit Requirements” for antlerless deer tag information.*

General Gun

November 11-26; legal to take deer with one or more antlers at least five inches in length visible above the hairline, feral hogs (no size or bag limit). *See “Permit Requirements” for antlerless deer tag information.*

Small Game

January 22-March 4, 2001; legal to take gray squirrel, armadillo, opossum, rabbit, and raccoon. Only .22 caliber rimfire firearms with a magazine capable of carrying a maximum of 20 rounds or shotguns with *shot no larger than #4 common* may be possessed.

Raccoon/Opossum

Night hunting. Friday and Saturday nights - sunset until sunrise during the month of **February**. State regulation, weapons, and ammunition requirements apply.

Turkey (Spring Season)

State season shooting hours from 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1 pm (March 17 - April 22, 2001); bearded turkeys only. Shotguns with shot no larger than size 2 common (bird) shot and bows only.

Mobility Impaired Persons

Special ATV use permits are available to mobility impaired hunters. A mobility impaired hunter is defined as a person (1) permanently confined to a wheelchair, crutches or a walker or (2) a single- or double-leg amputee. To apply for an ATV use permit, send your name, address, telephone number (including area code), and a description of your disability in detail to:
Lower Suwannee NWR
16450 NW 31 Place
Chiefland, Florida 32626.

Place in check box or mail
Hunter Bag Report

Name	_____			Phone Number	_____
Address	_____				
City	_____	State	_____	Zip	_____
Dates Hunted	County Hunted: Dixie _____ or Levy _____				
Check type and number of animals harvested.					
Deer (Buck)		No. Antler Points _____			
Deer (Doe)		Turkey _____			
Hog		Other (list) _____			
Comments: _____					

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Please check your game using the attached Hunter Bag Report. It can be mailed to the refuge or deposited at refuge check stations or the Treasure Camp Store at Fowler's Bluff.

Permit

Name (please print)

I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations.

Signature (Permits are not transferable)

This permit must be completed to be valid. It must be carried by the hunter during the hunts.

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